

# News Release

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## Unique Earth Day Experience Along the Banks of the American River

AUBURN – California State Parks staff from the Auburn State Recreation Area, along with members of the local whitewater rafting industry, will be hosting free rafting trips along the North Fork of the American River for volunteers willing to help remove debris from the majestic river.

The “Earth Day 2002 – River Clean-up” will be held on Saturday, April 20. The number of participants will be limited, so volunteers are asked to contact California State Parks office as soon as possible to make reservations and receive more information about times and locations. The telephone number is (530) 885-5648, ext. 13.

The trips will be led by professional river guides. Rafts will stop when necessary so that participants may aid in the removal of trash and other debris from the river canyon. Trips vary in difficulty from Class II (beginning) to Class IV (intermediate). Prior experience and a minimum age of 14 are required for the Class IV run. Adults and children over the age of five, accompanied by a parent in good physical condition, are welcome on the Class II run.

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